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ST JOSEPH'S (Est 1835), Cnr King St &
New England Hwy, East Maitland
Vigil 5.00pm; Sunday 8.30am
Youth Mass 6.00pm

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (Est 1841)
Maitland

SACRED HEART, New England Hwy,
Campbell's Hill - Vigil 6.30pm.
celebrated at St Paul's Rutherford

HOLY FAMILY, 11 John St, Largs
Sunday 8.20am.

ST COLUMBA'S, Cnr Prince & Church
Sts, Paterson - Sunday 9.30am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Est 1871)
Cnr George & James Sts, Morpeth
Sunday 7.15am.

ST PATRICK'S (Est 1905), 55 New
England Hwy, Lochinvar-Sunday
9.30am.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (Est 1947), Cnr
Anderson Dr & Delprat Ave, Beresfield
Vigil 6.00pm.

ST PAUL'S (Est 1961), 10 Young St,
Rutherford - Sunday 8.00am.

Ministers

All baptized members of the
community

Ministry Team

Parish Priest: Fr George Anthicad

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at home:** Phone office 49338918

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We are in the country of the Worimi,
Gamilleroi, Wonnarua, Gweagul,
Darkinjung, Biripi and Awabakal
peoples. We respectfully
acknowledge their Elders, celebrate
their continuing culture and the
living memory of their ancestors.

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before
you, O God, and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Gloria

Glorify to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten
Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father, have
mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are
the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Is 49:3. 5-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will make you the light of the nations so that
my salvation may reach to the ends of the
earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my
servant, Israel, in whom I shall be
glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes
of the Lord, my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken, he who
formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to
gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough
for you to be my servant, to restore
the tribes of Jacob and bring back the
survivors of Israel; I will make you the
light of the nations so that my
salvation may reach to the ends of the
earth.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**Here I am, Lord; I come to do your
will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he
stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)

You do not ask for sacrifice and
offerings, but an open ear. You do not
ask for holocaust and victim. Instead,
here am I. (R.)

In the scroll of the book it stands
written that I should do your will. My
God, I delight in your law in the depth
of my heart. (R.)

Your justice I have proclaimed in the
great assembly. My lips I have not
sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading *1 Cor 1:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St
Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an
apostle, together with brother
Sosthenes, send greetings to the
church of God in Corinth, to the holy
people of Jesus Christ, who are called
to take their place among all the saints
everywhere who pray to our Lord
Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no
less than ours. May God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us. He enabled those
who accepted him to become the
children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel *Jn 1:29-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him,
John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of
God that takes away the sin of the
world. This is the one I spoke of when
I said: A man is coming after me who
ranks before me because he existed
before me. I did not know him myself,
and yet it was to reveal him to Israel
that I came baptising with water.' John
also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming
down on him from heaven like a dove
and resting on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to baptise
with water had said to me, "The man
on whom you see the Spirit come
down and rest is the one who is going
to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I
have seen and I am the witness that
he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the
dead;

he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Celebrant: Jesus is the chosen one of God. He came to give us light through the words of the Gospel. We have now professed our faith. It is with confidence we turn to our God for our needs.

Prayer Leader:

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that they be given the strength and wisdom to continue the work of Jesus and work for peace and unity. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

May the Holy Spirit rest upon the shoulders of a Priest who would lead us as our Bishop and guide us in our journey with love and compassion. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We ask for special blessings on our priests who are moving to different Parishes especially Fr Graham and Fr Camillus. May the love of Jesus, which is in their hearts, reach out to all those they meet. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for families and parishioners travelling these holidays. May they be protected from harm and return to us safely. . . We pray . . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, lonely or are hurting: that they may be able to bear the burdens in this life as we wait to share the Eternal life with God forever. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died recently including James Acaylar, Russell Lester Acedillo, Sr Mary Bell rsj, Rosemarie Enobio, Sr M. Germaine Innes OP, Frances Lantry, Maxwell Mahoney, Cardinal George Pell and Maria Teresa Zapra. May they now share in the Kingdom of our Loving Lord. . . We pray. . . **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant. Father in heaven, we thank you for the precious gift of baptism and forgiveness of sin, which makes us Your very own beloved family. We make our prayers in the name of Your Son, Jesus, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

We pray those who have died this week

James Acaylar, Russell Lester Acedillo, Sr Mary Bell rsj, Rosemarie Enobio, Sr M. Germaine Innes OP,
Frances Lantry, Maxwell Mahoney, Maria Teresa Zapra

We remember those whose Anniversaries occur around this time including

Delia Acosta, Maxine & Ted Cahill, Pastora Digal, Colin Moran, Ronald Morris, Simeon Regudo,
Maureen Reynolds

We pray for those who are sick at this time

Angeles Adapon, Dalisay Almanza, Teresa Almanza, Arabella Rae Arroyo, Cynthia Appleton,
Ian Christopher Bajo, Lorraine Bartlett, Brian & Esme Bisson, Judy Mary Carmody, Olga Charlton,
Robyn Chesworth, Juliet Cranny, Marion & Luke Crotty, Nickolee Dennis, Nicholas Dilley,
Yvonne Mary Fielding, Pam French, Melinda Grainger, Anne & Peter Hardy, Leanne Hardy, Ethan Joseph,
Karen Kenyon, Krystyna Kulzcznski, Hughie Laveray, Patricia Lancaster,
Fr Anthony Lemon (Murwillumbah), Michael Lockyer, Sharon Martin, Judy Massey, Victoria Micallef,
Kevin Moloney, Mharielle Munoz, Daphne Parfait, Lisa Peattie, Jen Phillips, Ella Rusak, Olga Rusak,
Margaret Sipple, Steven Small, Anne Standing, Carol Su'a, Vivian Tee, Bill Temperley, Andrew Veitch,
Nilda Walker, Robert Wild, Gary Wills, Therese Wilkinson, Jo Winkler, Phillip Wilson

We pray for those children who will be Baptised this weekend

Phoenix Maree Evans, Hudson James Murnain, Charlie John O'Toole, Ella Jasmine Lila Scully,
Ivy Amelia Scully, Ashton Al Winsor

We pray for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Candidates and Catechumens

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The next **Anointing Mass** will be held at St Joseph's East Maitland at 10am on Friday 20th January 2023
All Welcome
(Please note there will be no 7am Mass on this day)

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS 9am Thursday 26th January at St Joseph's East Maitland. Please stay after Mass and enjoy Australian fare.

ACTiv8 youth Groups return from Tuesday 7th February

ACTiv8 Youth are seeking volunteers to assist with vibrant and energetic youth groups in 2023. If you think you may be able to offer some time on either a Tuesday or Wednesday evening please contact Bec at the parish office for more information
Email; chisholm@mn.catholic.org.au
Or phone for more information 49338918

Save the date –Regional Mass & Picnic
A community get together for all families in our region Sunday 12th March 11am.
Starting with an outdoor Mass in the grounds of St Joseph's East Maitland school followed by a magic show in the Therry Centre with JD'S world of magic. Carnival games, ice cream truck, bbq, coffee and much more.
Bring along picnic rug, nibbles, lunch and friends. Everyone welcome.

Piety Stall
Will be closed until the weekend of the 28th January.
Thank you for all your support over the year.
Wishing blessings for Christmas and 2023.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP of the Archdiocese of Sydney "It is with deep sadness that I can confirm His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, passed away in Rome . This news comes as a great shock to all of us. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell, for comfort and consolation for his family and for all of those who loved him and are grieving him at this time."

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?
If you have space in your heart and home for a child or young person in need, CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning want to hear from you.
Through no fault of their own, there are many children in our region who cannot live with their birth family. With your help, CatholicCare can give them a safe and loving environment to heal from their past and grow into their future.
For more information on becoming a foster carer, please visit www.catholiccare.org.au/fostercare

The Marian Movement of Priests group meet at St Joseph's East Maitland at 7pm every Wednesday to pray the Rosary. Please come and join us in prayer.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
At Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield will resume on Friday 27th January 2023

WEEKDAY MASS ROSTER

- Mon 16th January**
- Tues 17th January** (St Anthony, abbot)
5.30pm Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 18th January**
7.00pm Mass, Holy Family, Largs
- Thurs 19th January**
7.00am Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Fri 20th January** (St Fabian, pope, martyr, St Sebastian, martyr)
~~7.00am~~ Mass, St Joseph's, East Maitland
10.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's East Maitland
- Sat 21th January** (St Agnes, virgin, martyr)
8.00am Mass/Reconciliation, St Joseph's, East Maitland

Sun 22th January
9.00am Mass—Polish, St Mary's Chapel (Victoria St Maitland)

PRIVATE PRAYER / ADORATION

- Mon 16th January**
9.30am-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
~~12 Midday 1 pm~~ Eucharistic Adoration St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Tues 17th January**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Wed 18th January**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
7.00pm Marian Movement of Priests Rosary, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Thurs 19th January**
9.30-10.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, St Joseph's, East Maitland
- Fri 20th January**
7.30am Adoration, St Joseph's, East Maitland
~~9.30am~~ Prayer of the Church, OLOL, Beresfield